Let's get every child reading!

READ ALONG WITH VOOKS

We're helping you celebrate National Reading Month with special resources and activity packs to keep kids reading all month long!

Our purpose in creating these resources is to help parents and teachers extend the learning beyond each storybook. The joy of reading begins when a child connects with the text. Each activity is created to engage and excite the child about learning as they build foundational reading skills.



RSPV & learn more at *vooks.com/readalong*.

Theme for March 8–12

Caring For Others/Kindness



And the People Stayed Home teaches us how caring for others makes the world a better place.

In this resource you'll find:

- Special activities for this week's theme.
- Pause & Ponder activity for *And the People Stayed Home* to complete together live on **Facebook Friday, March 12, 10:00am (PST).**
- Additional activities for titles that center on kindness and caring to use all week long: *Everyone is Someone; The Thing About Bees; I'll Love You For Always;* and *Made for Me*.
- One-page take home sheets to extend the learning at home.

Join us to share stories, spread joy, and spark creativity!

Color Along With Us

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Kindness and Caring Flower

The theme for this week's *Read Along with Vooks* is Caring For Others/ Kindness. This activity is designed to be filled out during the week as children learn more about what it means to care for others and show kindness.

Materials

- Coloring Utensils
- Glue/Tape
- Scissors

Directions

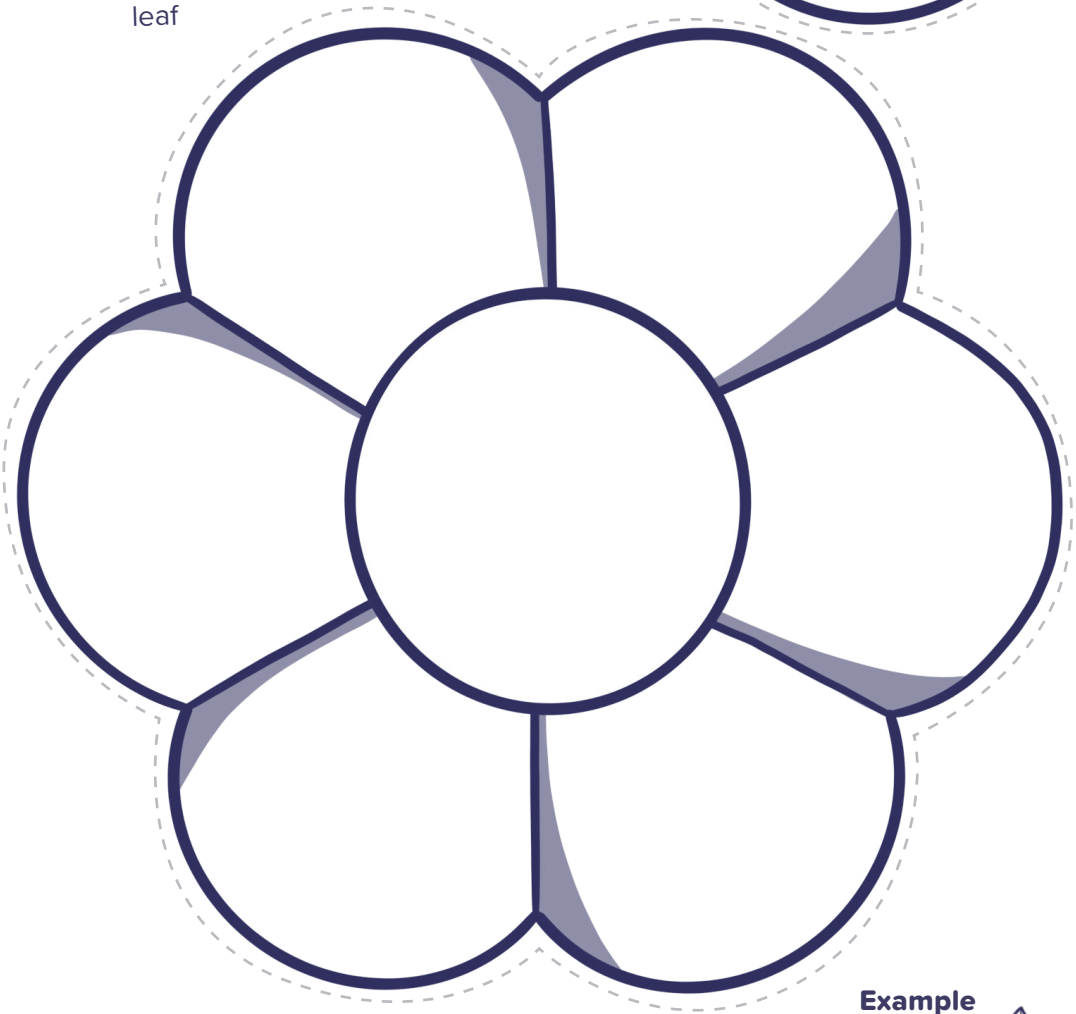
1. Color and cut out the flower, center, and leaf templates.
2. Glue or tape the center of your flower to the middle circle on your flower template.
3. Glue or tape the leaves to the back of your flower template so they stick out when looking at your flower from the front.
4. You now have a flower with 6 petals on it. Throughout the week, use those 6 petals to write ways you can show kindness and caring for others.



leaf

center



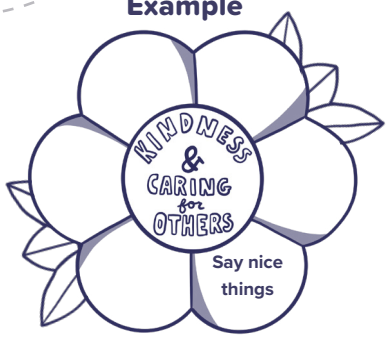


flower



leaf

Example



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Pause & Ponder

Pause at the indicated time stamps and discuss the story.

Pause & Ponder helps children understand and explore a deeper understanding of what the story means to them. These questions are designed to help children make inferences about and explain several story events.



Goes with *And the People Stayed Home*

0:18	Why would people stay home?
0:26	What kinds of things do people do at home?
1:19	What are new ways of being?
1:26	What does it mean to be still?
1:41	What does it mean to listen deeply?
2:08	What does it mean to meet your shadows?
2:28	What are the people healing from?
2:46	How was the earth healing during the pandemic?
2:55	What was the danger?
3:46	How do you feel when you look at this picture? Why?

After viewing the Book:

1. What losses did you experience during the pandemic?
2. Name three good things that have happened because of the pandemic?
3. Many people believe poetry must rhyme, have a certain rhythm, etc. *And The People Stayed Home* is an example of prose poetry and tells a story that does not rhyme or necessarily have a certain rhythm. Discuss why you think the author chose to tell the story in this way.

We're going Live on Facebook!

We'll be doing Pause & Ponder for *And the People Stayed Home* live on Facebook
Friday, March 12, 10:00am (PST)

RSVP and learn more at *vooks.com/readalong*

Writing & Drawing

Acts of kindness can help make stressful situations a bit easier. Write a story about an act of kindness that you did for someone. Illustrate your story.



Goes with *And the People Stayed Home*

Rhyming

Use the word in the first column as a starting point. In the second column write a word that rhymes from the word bank. In the third column draw a picture or write your own word that rhymes with the first and second columns.



Goes with *Everyone is Someone*

Word Bank

old mean more small ~~pig~~

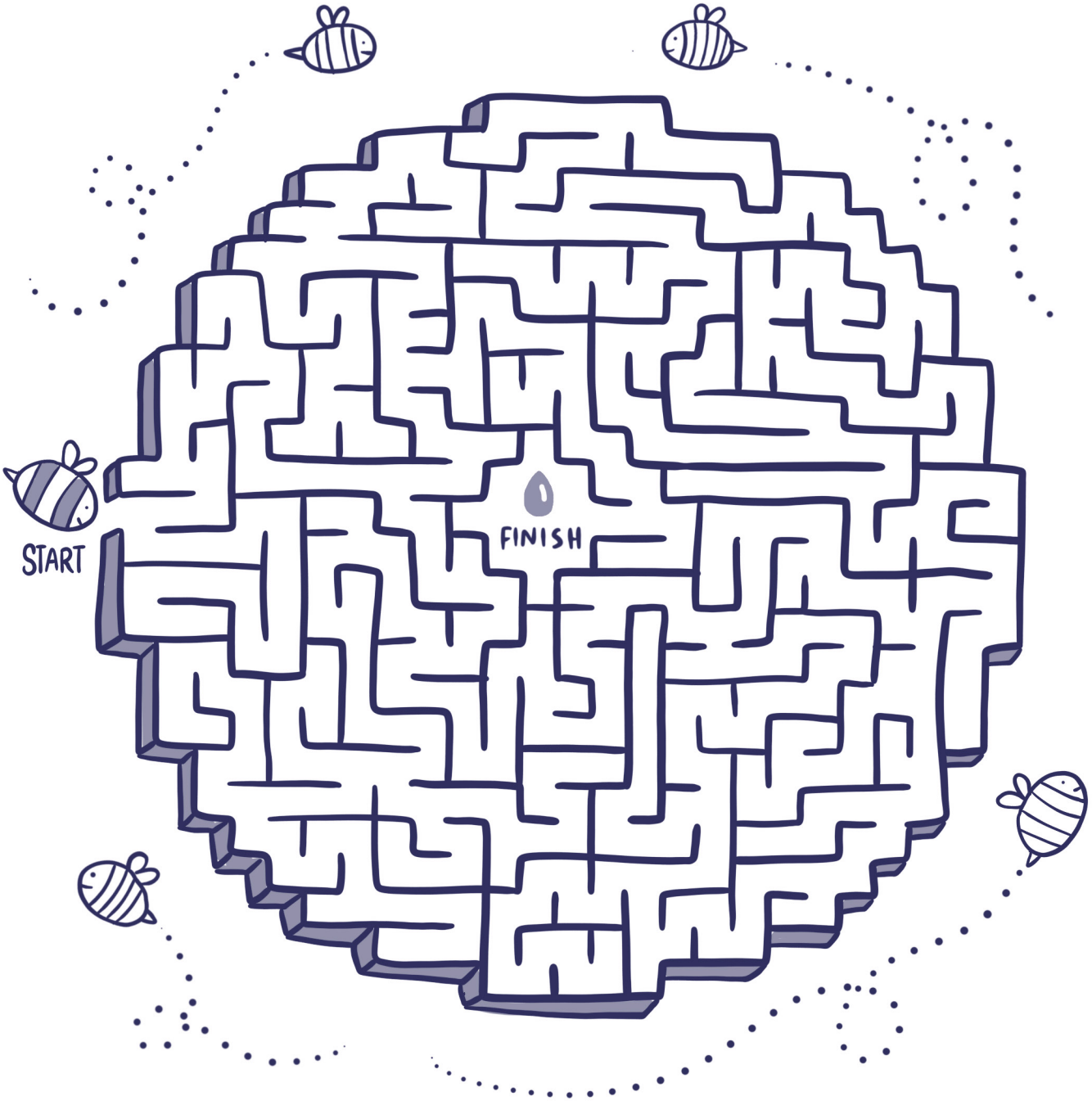
Word	Rhyming Word Bank Word	Write or Draw Your Own Rhyming Word
big	pig	dig
clean		
poor		
tall		
cold		

Beehive Maze

Help the bee find its way to the honey without getting stuck.



Goes with *The Thing About Bees*



Kindness Dice



Goes with *I'll Love you for Always*

How to play

1. Cut the pattern out, fold on the solid lines and add glue to the angled tabs. Fold into a cube and let it dry.
2. Roll the dice.
3. Answer the question that is rolled.

What scares you?

What makes you "sweet"?

Share a word that tells someone you care about them.

Share a time when you needed someone to help you.

Share a time someone showed you they cared for you.

Who would you write a love note to? Why?

Spot the Difference

There are ten things that are different between the two images, can you spot them?



Goes with *Made for Me*



Take-home Sheet

And the People Stayed Home

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Storybooks brought to life

And the People Stayed Home was written in the early days of the global coronavirus pandemic in 2020. The poem teaches us about the importance of spending quality time with ourselves and the people we care about, listening deeply, and doing what we love.

Coloring Sheet



Mini–Book Chat

What is a pandemic?

_____

What things have changed because of the pandemic?

_____

_____

NAME _____

Take-home Sheet

Everyone is Someone

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Storybooks brought to life

Everyone is Someone uses simple rhymes to teach children that we are all more similar than different from one another—that everyone is someone.

Coloring Sheet



Mini Book Chat

Do you have friends that are different from you? In what ways?

_____

_____

Do you accept others as they are? Give some examples.

_____

_____

_____
NAME

Take-home Sheet

The Thing About Bees

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The Thing About Bees is a love poem from a father to his two sons. Inspired by his fear of bees, Shabazz Larkin, not wanting to pass this fear to his sons, writes a tribute to bees that pollinate the foods we love to eat. Children are introduced to different kinds of bees, "how not to get stung," and how the things we fear are often things we don't fully understand.

Coloring sheet



Mini–Book Chat

What are you afraid of?

Do you believe love will conquer fear?

NAME

Take-home Sheet

I'll Love You For Always

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Storybooks brought to life

I'll Love You For Always, shows that love is always on hand in the form of six beautiful notes written to a child! As a young child travels through life's peaks and valleys, sunshine and shadows, colorful love birds appear carrying six different notes of love and reassurance.

Love Bird Words

Come up with words that you would use to tell people that you care about them. Write the word on the note that each bird is carrying.



Mini–Book Chat

What is a love note? Who would you write a love note to?

NAME

Take-home Sheet

Made for Me

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Storybooks brought to life

From a child's first uttered "Dada" to his or her first unsteady steps, nothing can adequately convey the joy and awe of watching the birth and growth of a new child. Filled with adorable illustrations and the refrain, "You are the one made just for me," *Made for Me* is a winning presentation of tender moments that tie a father and his new child together—forever.

Drawing & Writing

Draw a picture of yourself to the right and answer the question below.

What I like most about myself is



Mini Book Chat

My parents/guardians think I am

What people like most about me is

NAME

What's Up Next?

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March 12–19

Animals & Friendship



Friday featured read-along

Friday, March 19
10:00am (PST)

Unicorn (and Horse) shows us how friendship can flourish because of what makes us unique, not in spite of it.

Support titles

- *What Do You Do with a Tail Like This?*
- *I See a Kookaburra!*
- *The Road Not Taken*
- *Slumberkins: Bigfoot*
- *Smellyphant*

March 22–25

Celebrating Our Differences



Friday featured read-along

Friday, March 25
10:00am (PST)

Where Are You? teaches us to appreciate our differences and always be there to help each other.

Support titles

- *Nita's First Signs*
- *Cinderella*
- *Nom Nom Shapes*
- *Wangari's Trees of Peace*
- *100 First Words* series